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In re application of

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING PROTECTION CIRCUIT IMPLEMENTED BY BIPOLAR TRANSISTOR FOR DISCHARGING STATIC CHARGE CURRENT AND PROCESS OF FABRICATION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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1. Steven H. Voldman et al., "Shallow Trench Isolation Double-Diode Electrostatic Discharge Circuit and Interaction with Dram Output Circuitry", EOS/ESD SYMPOSIUM, pp. 5B.7.1-5B.7.12.

One copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

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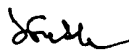
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